

*Maurice Kookwood*

# The Edmonton Civic Opera Society

Presents

## "FIREFLY"

A Musical Play in Three Acts

Book by Otto Harback

Music by Rudolf Friml

Under the Musical Direction of  
Mrs. J. B. Carmichael

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STRAND THEATRE

November 16th, 17th and 18th, 1943

Evenings, 8:15 p.m.

Matinee, 2:15 p.m.

Dramatic Director

Mr. Laurier Picard

Ballet Director

Juneau Moore

Chorus Director

Mrs. B. T. Olsen

No Person will be Seated During the Performance



# Synopsis

The Van Dare's yacht is about to leave a New York pier for Bermuda, when quick-tempered Geraldine Van Dare and her fiance Jack get into one of their frequent quarrels. This time it's over a pretty Italian girl who sang at the pier and smiled at Jack, who smiled back at her. This pert little songstress is Nina, who, despite a cruel guardian who beats her when she doesn't bring home enough money, has kept the sunny grace of native land. When she hears that a cabin boy is wanted on the yacht, she quickly changes into boy's clothes, calling herself Tony Colombo (the name of a ragamuffin about the pier, who is also a girl beneath her pants and who is known to be a pickpocket besides) and as such is taken aboard the Van Dare's yacht, bound for Bermuda.

At the Van Dare's estate in Bermuda, Tony (Nina) functions as servant, but not very well as "he" is being made a pet of by everybody, particularly the choir master Franz, who thinks he has discovered a great future tenor and will adopt "Tony" as his son. Just then the police report that the notorious pickpocket Tony Colombo, a girl in boy's clothes, is known to have left New York on the Van Dare's yacht. Everybody hears this with consternation. Their worst suspicions seem to be confirmed when "Tony" is caught leaving the estate in one of Mrs. Van Dare's expensive wraps, which had been lent to Nina by one in the house.

A few years have passed but we are still at the Van Dare's in Bermuda. Jack and Geraldine are not married yet, but will be shortly. There is a party of guests, and the great soprano Gianina is expected to sing for them. She is none other than Nina, whom her impresario Franz has made famous. To pay back her former detractors, who do not recognize in her the little Nina (Tony), she puts her old boy's costume on, and in it finds a letter which had been given to her years ago by Jack's uncle, Thurston, to deliver to Jack's fiance, Geraldine, in which Thurston confesses his love for her. This, and Nina returning, makes it possible for Geraldine to confess that she loved the uncle all the time, and not the nephew, Jack, who now can have his Nina.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

SYBIL VAN DARE .....	Isabelle Mazer
SUZETTE—Maid to Geraldine .....	Berneice McBeth
PIETRO—Valet to Mr. Thurston .....	Leo Moreau
JENKINS—Confidential Clerk .....	Desmond Olsen
GERALDINE VAN DARE—Mrs. Van Dare's Niece .....	Shirley Neher
JACK TRAVERS—Her Sweetheart .....	Joseph Nadeau
JOHN THURSTON—His Uncle .....	John Markle
HERR FRANZ—A Choir Master .....	John R. Wilson
NINA—A Street Singer .....	Noreen Bristow
MRS. GODFREY VAN DARE—Sybil's Mother .....	Jacque Battersby
CORELLI .....	Richard Ball
POLICEMAN .....	Roland Huggett
ANTONIO .....	Ella Pepin
CAPTAIN .....	Thomas J. Davies

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Earl Fetherstonhaugh	Ivor Mathew	Maurice Rookwood	Charles Turner

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## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I.—Recreation Pier, foot of 23rd Street, New York, on Decoration Day.

ACT II.—The Van Dare Estate, Bermuda. Three weeks later.

ACT III.—The Van Dare Home, Fifth Avenue, New York. Four years later.

Time: Present.

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT I

1. Overture .....
2. Opening Chorus—"A Trip to Bermuda" ..... Ensemble
3. "He Says Yes—She Says No" ..... Geraldine, Jack and Chorus
4. "Call Me Uncle" ..... Thurston, Sybil and Chorus
5. "Love Is Like a Firefly" ..... Nina
6. "Something" ..... Jenkins and Suzette
7. Gianina Mia ..... Nina
8. Finale ..... Ensemble

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### ACT II

9. Introduction
10. Opening Chorus—"In Sapphire Seas" ..... Sybil and Ensemble
11. "Tommy Atkins" ..... Nina
12. "Sympathy" ..... Geraldine and Thurston
13. "A Woman's Smile" ..... Jack
14. "De Trop" ..... Suzette, Jenkins and Pietro
15. "We're Going to Make a Man of You" ..... Nina, Jack, Jenkins, Thurston and Franz
16. "Beautiful Ship of Toyland" ..... Franz and Men's Chorus
17. "When a Maid Comes Knocking at Your Heart" ..... Nina
18. "Donkey's Serenade" ..... Jack
19. Finale ..... Ensemble

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## ACT III

20. Opening Waltz ..... Thurston and Chorus  
 21. "An American Beauty Rose" ..... Thurston and Chorus (Ballet)  
 22. "Dawn of Love" (Concert Waltz) ..... Nina  
 23. Finale ..... Ensemble

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 Walter Holowach  
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### VIOLA

Rodney Cook

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